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Amendments to the Specification:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on line 4, at page 3, with the following amended paragraph:

The compositions contain a an α,β -olefinically unsaturated ether monomer component consisting of one or more compounds having the formula:

where R is an n-valent carbon-linked organic group R^1 is H or a monovalent carbon-linked organic group, n has a value of 1 or more, suitably 1 to 100, more typically 1-6. Examples of suitable R and R' groups include 1-40 carbon aromatic or aliphatic hydrocarbon groups, especially saturated linear, branched or cyclic aliphatic hydrocarbon groups; polyethers; cycloethers, for instance polysaccharide residues; residues of hydroxyl terminated urethane oligomers; and residues of hydroxyl terminated polyesters. In some embodiments R' may be H or an alkyl group of 1-10 carbon atoms, especially H (i.e. a vinyl ether), or methyl (i.e. a propenyl ether). Suitably the [an] α, β -olefinically unsaturated ether monomer of formula I is

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employed in the composition in an amount of from about 20% to about 98% by weight of the composition.